

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

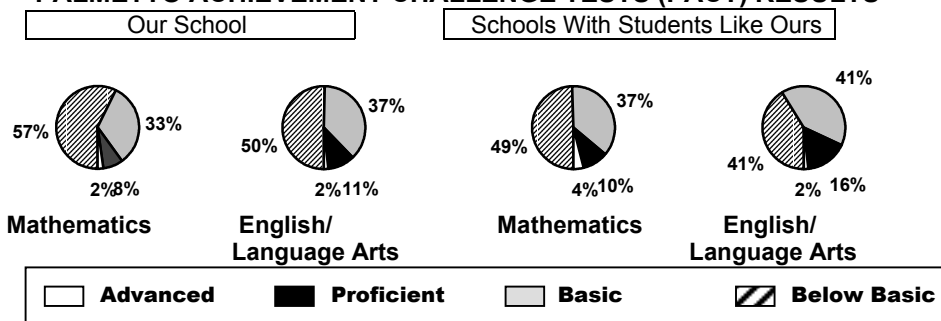
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 34. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

**2001** Absolute Rating Improvement Rating  
**2002** Below Average Unsatisfactory  
**2003**  
**2004**

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

#### PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

#### PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=707)</b>	49.6%	42.7%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=130)	12.3%	14%		
Students without disabilities (n=561)	59.7%	50.1%		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=347)	41.2%	37.5%		
Female (n=341)	60.7%	49.6%		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=452)	42.5%	34.7%		
Hispanic (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=228)	66.2%	59.2%		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=460)	41.7%	34.4%		
Pay for lunch (n=227)	69.6%	61.9%		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,968	N/A	\$5,015	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	86.8%	Up from 86.6%	88.8%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	N/A	20.7 to 1	21.4 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=798)</b>				
• Attendance rate	93.4%	Down from 93.6%	95.6%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	4.6%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	4%	N/A	6.8%	4.0%
• Retention rate	9.8%	Up from 5.8%	5.9%	4.5%
<b>TEACHERS (n=53)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.2 Days	Up from 7.1	8 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	94.5%	Up from 94%	95%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	43.4%	Down from 45.5%	42.1%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	94.3%	Up from 89.1%	80.6%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.8%	Up from 1.8%	1.9%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.6%	Up from 88.3%	85.3%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,894	Up 5.6%	\$36,096	\$37,455

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	68.7%	N/A	61.5%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	0	N/A	2	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	84.8%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	54.7%	Up from 34.3%	54.5%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	5.1%	Up from 4.5%	7.3%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	50	N/A	17	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	7.9%	N/A	9.6%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	8%	Down from 8.2%	9.2%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	20.2%	Down from 23%	14.5%	13.6%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year at Darlington Junior High School. Our students showed improvement academically and artistically. They engaged in a number of service activities and set an example for students in other schools in our community. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- At least 20% of our students posted significant gains on the MAT-8.
- Seven students were selected as Junior Scholars.
- Two of our students won district and state writing awards.
- Our Academic Team placed in the top 5 region finals.
- Students read countless hundreds of books as part of Reading Renaissance.

Our teachers continued to work designing quality work and recreational activities for students. Many of them were able to attend professional development conferences and served on several district committees.

Three teachers finished their master's degrees. Lynn Essig received National Board Certification. She is our Teacher of the Year and was runner-up for the district award.

Our PTSA raised funds to sponsor numerous school and community programs.

Darlington Junior High is a great place to work and grow. We are proud of our students and our school.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	59.5	59.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	52.4	60.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	19.0	81.8	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Darlington Junior High  
100 Magnolia Street  
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**Grades** 7-8 Middle School

**Enrollment:** 798 Students

#### Principal

Mrs. Pearl Jeffords 843-398-5088

#### Superintendent

Dr. Rainey H. Knight 843-398-5200

#### Board Chair

Dr. Allen McCutchen 843-332-2852



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Unsatisfactory



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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